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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of )

Toshiaki Kanemitsu et al )

Appln. No. : 09/157,318 )

Filed : September 21, 1998 )

For : METHOD OF MANUFACTURING AN )  
ANNULAR MEMBER MADE FROM A )  
METAL SHEET HAVING A PERIPHERAL )  
WALL (AS AMENDED) )

) Art Unit: 3726

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**REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION WITH AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

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The following amendments and remarks are submitted pursuant to the provisions of 37 CFR 1.116 in response to the Office Action of September 17, 2002 and in a bona fide effort to place this application in condition for allowance.

**AMENDMENTS**

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

**Please amend claim 1 further as follows:**

1. (Four Times Amended) A method of manufacturing an annular member from a disc-shaped metal sheet material defining an outer periphery, comprising the steps of:

forming the disc-shaped metal sheet to have a non-processed portion including the outer periphery and a stepped portion defined by an inclined wall, and an inner

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